

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Teitelbaum (U.S. Patent 5,872,834) in view of "The Frequent Traveler: How to keep your phone working when in Europe" ("McGinnis").

The claims are amended, and the pending claims remain for reconsideration, which is requested.

No new matter has been added.

REJECTIONS

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Teitelbaum (US Patent 5,872,834) in view of The Frequent Traveler: How to keep your phone working when in Europe" (hereinafter, "McGinnis").

Teitelbaum

The Examiner holds that Teitelbaum discloses elements corresponding to all the elements of claim 1 except for the mobile phone, and the mobile phone is disclosed by McGinnis, thus determining claim 1 as being obvious.

Teitelbaum provides a user with various telephone services such as registering biological information including a fingerprint of the telephone user with a provider in advance, and upon use of the telephone, sending the fingerprint information read out by a sensor to permit matching with the registration side.

For example, the portion of Teitelbaum pointed out by the Examiner describes examples of hotel telephone services. When once a hotel guest registers his or her fingerprint at the hotel, the guest can thereafter use such telephone services as wake up calls, room services, local calls, long distance calls and checkout through not only the telephone of the room but also even through a telephone other than that of the room or a publicly available phone, only if the fingerprint information can be sent by the sensor. So the Examiner holds that Teitelbaum discloses provision of telephone information or services by the utilization of biological information matching and that this could be applied to a cell phone.

The independent claims are amended to clarify the subject matter of the invention is

registration of positional information which makes it possible to change a wireless terminal by the utilization of matching of biological information without the need to change the wireless terminal number. In other words, amended claim 1 recites first registering personal information of the first wireless terminal equipment, and the position registration on the basis thereof makes the first wireless terminal equipment available. In this state, upon receipt of an authentication request from the second wireless terminal equipment, the first terminal subscriber identification information already registered is changed into second subscriber identification information of the second wireless terminal equipment, and thus, the second wireless terminal equipment becomes usable with the same subscriber number via position registration with the same subscriber number and the changed second terminal subscriber identification number.

In amended claim 1, although the use of matching of the biological information is disclosed in Teitelbaum, nothing is disclosed expressly or implicitly by Teitelbaum about the subject matter of claim 1 of switching over from the use of the first wireless terminal equipment to the use of the second wireless terminal equipment without changing the subscriber number. Further, McGinnis is merely relied upon for discussing a wireless phone, so a prima facie case of obviousness based upon Teitelbaum and McGinnis cannot be established, because there is no evidence that one skilled in the art would combine McGinnis' third-party rental of a cell phone with Teitelbaum's use of biological information to give access to a phone, and then further modify either Teitelbaum and/or McGinnis to provide the claimed **"receiving from the second wireless terminal equipment an authentication request containing the user biological information of said user and the second terminal subscriber identification information of a second wireless terminal equipment"** (see page 22, line 20 to page 24, line 10 of the specification) and then "retrieving personal information having biological information matching the received biological information from said database and ~~of~~ **changing the first terminal subscriber identification information in the retrieved personal information into the received second terminal subscriber identification information**; and transferring the subscribed terminal number in the retrieved personal information and the ~~received~~ **changed second terminal subscriber identification information** to an exchange and ~~of~~ **requesting position information registration which enables permitting call in and call out as a wireless of said second wireless terminal equipment having by the subscribed terminal number."**

Allowance of independent claims 1, 7 and 11 is requested. Claims dependent on claims 1, 7 and 11 are allowable at least due to their dependencies from the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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